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Applicant presents a replacement paragraph below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

With reference to the Examiner's Amendment, please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a <u>national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application PCT/US00/26122</u>, filed September 22, 2000, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English, and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/405,477, filed 24 Sept. September 24, 1999, now abandoned.